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SUBJECT: US POLICY ON SPORT CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA

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1. OFFICIALS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF AFRICAN
SPORT HAVE INDICATED TO OUR EMBASSY IN YAOUNDE THAT
THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN
FEBRUARY CALLING FOR A BOYCOTT OF SPORT EVENTS WITH
COUNTRIES MAINTAINING SPORT TIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA
WOULD BE APPLIED TO THE US IF THE US TEAM PLAYS SOUTH
AFRICA IN A DAVIS CUP MATCH NOW SCHEDULED FOR

APRIL 15 IN THE US.

2. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD INFORM MOST SENIOR
OAU OFFICIALS CONCERNED OF FOLLOWING US POSITION:

-- THE US GOVERNMENT HAS NO AUTHORITY OR
CONTROL OVER AMERICAN SPORT ORGANIZATIONS. THESE
ARE PRIVATE AND ARE FUNDED BY PRIVATE
CITIZENS AND GROUPS.

-- WE DO USE OUR INFLUENCE WITH THESE ORGANIZATIONS
WHENEVER POSSIBLE TO INSURE THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THE

IMPLICATIONS OF PARTICIPATING IN ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES
WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

-- MANY AMERICAN SPORTING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE
DECIDED TO REFUSE TO PLAY SOUTH AFRICA AS A MATTER
OF PRINCIPLE BECAUSE OF THAT COUNTRY'S APARTHEID
POLICIES. OTHERS DO NOT HAVE EXCHANGES WITH
SOUTH AFRICA BECAUSE SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT A MEMBER
OF THE WORLD CONTROLLING ORGANIZATION FOR THEIR
SPORT. THIS IS THE SITUATION OF MOST US SPORTING
ORGANIZATIONS WHICH BELONG TO THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT.
ON THE OTHER HAND, A FEW US ATHLETIC GROUPS CONTEND
THAT THEY HAVE BEEN INFLUENTIAL IN BRINGING ABOUT
A CLEAR, ALTHOUGH INCOMPLETE, EVOLUTION IN SOUTH
AFRICAN SPORTS AWAY FROM APARTHEID. THEY HAVE DONE THIS
BY MAKING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN SOUTH AFRICA CONTINGENT
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UPON STEPS IN THIS DIRECTION.

-- THE US IS SYMPATHETIC WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF
THE OAU'S SPORTS POLICY. WE HAVE INFORMED THE US
OLYMPIC COMMITTEE AND OTHER ATHLETIC ORGANIZATIONS OF
THE OAU RESOLUTION. WE DO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT
IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE TO PENALIZE ALL AMERICAN
ATHLETES BY REFUSING TO COMPETE AGAINST THEM AS
A RESULT OF THIS UPCOMING DAVIS CUP MATCH, SINCE
NEITHER US GOVERNMENT NOR THE OTHER ATHLETIC
ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ANY CONTROL OVER THE DAVIS CUP.

3. INFO ADDRESSEES SHOULD FEEL FREE TO DRAW UPON
THIS GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING TO QUERIES BY PRESS OR
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. ANY SIGNIFICANT STATEMENTS
ON SUBJECT BY HOST GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE REPORTED
TO DEPARTMENT.

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